CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

Councilmember Escobedo arrived after roll call at 5:08 p.m. and joined Closed Session.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Legal Counsel Carobini, and Chief Human Resources Officer Le. Chief Deputy City Clerk White and Deputy City Clerk Cleary (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Juan Rodriguez, Sandra Rodriguez v. City of Santa Maria, Case No. 19CV4142, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara.

INVOCATION
Carl Nielson of Serve Santa Maria gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Transit Services Manager Gamaliel Anguiano (designated translator), Principal Civil Engineer David Beas, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni (remote), Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Accounting Manager Rico Pardo, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that instructions were provided to trial counsel and there was no other action associated with the Closed Session item.

1 **PROCLAMATIONS**

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of October 1-9, 2022, as "Active Aging Week" in the City of Santa Maria representing all the dimensions of wellness with a focus on physical activity, life enrichment, social well-being, and community engagement for the senior population and future generations. The Proclamation was accepted by President of the Senior Club, Bruce Rodriguez.

B. **BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH.** Councilmember Escobedo joined Chamber of Commerce CEO, Glenn Morris, in presenting certificates of recognition to the Featured Businesses for September 2022 - Hans Duus Blacksmith and Gina's Piece of Cake. Hans Duus and Gina Martin accepted the certificates, respectively.

2 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Written comment was received from Matthew Chircop, President of Santa Maria Firefighters Local 2020 Union, expressing concern that the union had not been consulted regarding the proposed development at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway. Mr. Chircop proposed that an oversight committee be

formed to work with the City and Developer to ensure concerns about the firefighter memorial at that site be adequately addressed.

Daniel, Liberty, and Heaven Dearborn expressed their appreciation for the Recreation & Parks Department, Library, and Santa Maria Rodeo, respectively.

Mark Zarate expressed his support of Consent Agenda Items 3Q - 3U (No Stopping Zones).

Gary Hall expressed appreciation to Councilmembers and City staff for their work toward resolving issues with the Mobile Home Model Lease Agreement passed by the City Council on June 7, 2022. He also expressed appreciation for the City's recognition of Active Aging Week.

Mary Harrison spoke on affordable housing and homelessness.

Esther Jensen urged the City Council to work with community members on the Model Lease Agreement and to ensure all senior mobile home parks are included.

Herbert Bolton, a retired City of Santa Maria Firefighter, expressed concerns regarding the proposed development at Main and Broadway and the memorial site of fallen firefighter, Alvin Newton. Councilmember Cordero clarified that the City Council had only approved the development agreement at the August 16, 2022, meeting and that discussions and a development proposal were just beginning.

City Manager Stilwell echoed Councilmember Cordero's sentiments that the City Council had a starting point for the development and would commence discussions.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Chief Deputy City Clerk White indicated that staff requested that Item 3G (Cook Street Surplus Property) be pulled from the agenda to be considered at a future meeting. Consent Calendar Items 3A-3U (except 3G) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-93, 2022-94, 2022-95, 2022-96, 2022-97, 2022-98, 2022-99, 2022-100, 2022-101, 2022-102, 2022-103, 2022-104, 2022-105, 2022-106, and 2022-107. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 16, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving a Master Services Agreement and an Order for Services with SmartWAVE Technologies, LLC for the implementation of Phase I of the Citywide wireless communications network.

Action: Agreement with SmartWAVE Technologies, LLC approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

D. Adopt a Resolution reinstating the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Ability to conduct City meetings in-person/remotely or in a hybrid format was extended.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-94. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution establishing the Wastewater Operator I/II/III (flex-series) and Water Operator I/II/III (flex-series) classifications; approving the corresponding job specifications resulting from the budget adoption for Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24; and adopting a comprehensive Schematic Pay Schedule for all full-time and part-time employees in accordance with CalPERS guidelines.

Action: Wastewater Operator I/II/III and Water Operator I/II/III (Flex Series) classifications and corresponding job specifications approved. The Salary Schematic was adopted.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-95. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution amending Appendix "A" of the Conflict of Interest Code for Designated Filers of the City of Santa Maria.

Action: Amendment of Appendix "A" of the Conflict of Interest Code was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-96. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution declaring a certain parcel of land approximately 3,000 square feet or 0.07 acres of a 3.54 - acre property located where the parking garage for Santa Maria Town Center is in Downtown (Cook Street - APN 125-320-009) and owned by the City of Santa Maria as surplus land.

Action: **This item was pulled by staff for consideration at a future meeting.**

H. Receive and file information concerning the Final Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Action: Final Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) received and filed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

I. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants were ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

J. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll was ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving an Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara, the Cities of Lompoc, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria to provide for the operation of a County-wide Free Library System for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Action: Countywide Library Agreement approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-97. 5-0.

L. Adopt a Resolution approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects (RNT Architects) for Phase II – Public Safety Training Facility Programming Needs Assessment Study.

Action: Agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects (RNT Architects) was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

M. Adopt a Resolution authorizing two Energy Efficiency Project Work Orders for Facility Ventilation Upgrade Improvements and Sports Field Lighting, not to exceed $11,007,852, under Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Sustainable Solutions Turnkey Program.

Action: Two Energy Efficiency Project Work Orders for Facility Ventilation Upgrade Improvements and Sports Field Lighting were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-99. 5-0.

N. Adopt a Resolution accepting FTA Section 5339(c) Low-No grant funds, approving the appropriation of said funding, and amending the Transit Enterprise's adopted Fiscal Year 2022-2024 Budget to reflect the receipt of said revenue.

Action: Federal Transit Authority Section 5339(c) Low-No grant funds were accepted and amended Budget adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. No. 2022-100. 5-0.

O. Adopt a Resolution authorizing a revised contract with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for participation in the PG&E Electric Vehicle (EV) Fleet Ready Incentive Program and amending the Transit Enterprise's adopted FY 2022-2024 Budget to reflect cost-free equipment upgrades and financial incentives from the program.

Action: Revised contract with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) was approved and amended Transit Enterprise's adopted FY 2022-2024 budget adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as

P. Adopt a Resolution declaring certain transit vehicles as surplus and authorizing the disposition of said transit vehicles that have exceeded their useful life.

Action: Transit vehicles declared surplus and approved for disposition.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as

Q. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on Furukawa Way.

Action: No stopping zones on Furukawa Way approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

R. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on Hanson Way.

Action: No stopping zones on Hanson Way approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-104. 5-0.

S. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on Kameo Street.

Action: No stopping zones on Kameo Street approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-105. 5-0.

T. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on La Brea Avenue.

Action: No stopping zones on La Brea Avenue approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-106. 5-0.

U. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on White Court.

Action: No stopping zones on White Court approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-107. 5-0.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor Patino moved Item No. 5 (Street Renaming to Dan Blough) up on the agenda for consideration immediately following the Consent Calendar.

A. **STREET RENAMING TO DAN BLOUGH DRIVE.** The City Council considered a proposed street name change from Hickok Drive to Dan Blough Drive. Principal Civil Engineer Baes gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Peggy Blough and John Will thanked the City Council and staff and presented the City with a Nat Fast painting of City Hall from Mr. Blough's office.

Action: Street name change from Hickok Drive to Dan Blough Drive approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Waterfield left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

A. **FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PROPOSED CDBG FUNDING PRIORITIES.** The City Council considered the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for the 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant funding priorities. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Hearing
There were no written comments.

Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the hearing.

Action: The public hearing was conducted and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) priorities for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Funding Process were adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Waterfield. 4-0.

B. **APPEAL - CARING HANDS PET CLINIC**. The City Council considered a recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Planned Development Permit Amendment (A2021-0010) and Conditional Use Permit (U2021-0006) for Farshid Kiaei to revise the exterior architecture and establish a veterinary clinic in a proposed 7,000-square-foot mixed-use building on a 0.17-acre site in a PD/R-2 (Planned Development/Medium Density Residential) district and include conditions allowing the adjacent landowner to have signage. Community Development Director Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Councilmember Soto disclosed that her pets receive services at Caring Hands Pet Clinic.

Appellant comments
Attorney Phil Sinco spoke on behalf of Farshid Kiaei in support of the appeal.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Priyanshi Patel and Maureen Lopez of Central Coast Family Care spoke in favor of denying the appeal.

Mayor Patino closed the hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Based on the outcome of the following votes, this item was continued to the October 4, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Action: Postpone item to November 15, 2022, meeting to give the two business owners the opportunity to resolve signage issues.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Mayor Patino.
Motion failed. 2-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Absent: Councilmember Waterfield.

Action: Adopt a Resolution granting the appeal to delete Condition No. 4 regarding signage and uphold the Planning Commission's approval of the Planned Development Permit Amendment (A2021-0010) and Conditional Use Permit (U2021-0006) for the Caring Hands Office Building and Veterinary Clinic project at 1995 South Miller Street.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion failed. 2-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Cordero; Absent: Councilmember Waterfield.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be on October 4, 2022. Items on the agenda would include an Annual Report from the Chamber of Commerce; a presentation from AT Still Medical School; the 1st reading of a Social Host Ordinance; and the continued item - Caring Hands Veterinary Clinic Appeal.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Soto reported she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he participated in the Marian Foundation Day of Hope; Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala; and the League of California Cities Annual Conference. He also invited everyone to celebrate International Fish Amnesty Day Saturday, September 24th.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the CommUnify Board Meeting; Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala; and the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Mayor's Teen Council Meeting; Marian Foundation Day of Hope; SBCAG Monthly Board Meeting; APCD Board Meeting; APCD Hearing Board Special Meeting; Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition; Ribbon Cutting - Roscoe's Kitchen; Business Crimes Prosecution Meeting; Marian Foundation Board of Directors Meeting; Dignity Moves Tour; Back to School Night – Santa Maria High School; Chamber Annual Awards Gala; Partner Board Meeting; Ribbon Cutting - Juice It Up; League of California Cities Annual Conference; Local Businesses and Homelessness Meeting; Santa Maria Police Department Welcome and Badge Pinning Ceremony; North County Sub-regional Committee; Social Host Ordinance meeting; A.T. Still University Reception; SBCAG Monthly Board Meeting; APCD Board Special Meeting; Succulent Exchange at the Library; 2022 Fiestas Patrias; Mayor's Teen Council; and a Bradley Square - Residents Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Councilmember Cordero acknowledged the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on October 4, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

10/7/2022

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria